

Miramonte rallies to beat Campolindo

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The Miramonte Baseball team finished up the regular season on May 15 by making a tremendous comeback to defeat Campolindo 13-7. The Mats were down 5-0 after four innings, but then the Mats started teeing off of Campolindo's pitchers.

Juniors Joey Epperson and John Vacarro started the pounding in the fifth inning by hitting back-to-back home runs and pulled the Mats within two runs. Then in the top of the sixth inning the Mats made a remarkable 1-out rally.

The Mats scored seven runs on seven consecutive hits in the top of the sixth inning to take a 10-6 lead. The batter who finished the rally was junior Matt Lloyd, who went 4-5 in the game with two RBIs.

The Mats continued the rally into the seventh inning and scored three more runs with the scorching hot bats of Epperson, Lloyd, and Vacarro.

Out on the mound for the Mats, junior pitcher Andrew Kjar got rattled early on in the game allowing four runs in the second inning, but settled down later in the game and got the job done to win the game. Kjar pitched a complete

game, allowing seven runs and striking out three batters.

The win meant a lot for the Miramonte program as the Mats have not been very successful against the Cougars in the past couple of years. Miramonte had been 0-7 in the last four years, with three of the losses having been decided by only one run.

"It felt awesome to beat Campolindo," said senior pitcher Tim Fong, who has never seen Miramonte's varsity team beat Campolindo during his career at Miramonte. "Our program has been good the last couple of years, but we were not able to play well against Campo. I think it shows how good our team is this year that we were able to come back and beat Campo."

For Campolindo, junior shortstop Anthony Fadelli had another great game at the plate as he went 3-3 with one home run and four RBIs. Senior pitcher David Wirth started the game for the Cougars and was lined up for the win when he left the game. Wirth pitched 4 2/3 inning and only gave up three earned runs as he struck out 12 batters.